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We should like to ask Mr. Vanderlip whether bank presidents and vice-presidents are not also likely to become 'narrow and provincial' and to lack 'impersonal view and judgment.' It appears that in accordance with Mr. Vanderlip's views university professors should administer the affairs of the National City Bank.

THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION.

The foundation endowed by Mr. Andrew Carnegie with bonds of the market value $11,500,000, to establish a retiring pension fund for college professors, was incorporated at Albany, on May 10, with its principal office in New York City. The papers are signed by Nicholas Murray Butler, Alexander C. Humphreys, Henry S. Pritchett, Robert A. Franks and Frank A. Vanderlip for the board of directors.

The objects of the foundation are thus described:

The particular objects for which said corporation is formed shall be:

(*a*) To receive and maintain a fund and apply the income thereof as follows:

To provide retiring pensions, without respect to race, sex, creed, or color, for the teachers of universities, colleges and technical schools in the United States, the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland, who, by reason of long and meritorious service in these institutions shall be deemed by the board of directors to be entitled to the assistance and aid of this corporation or who by reason of old age or disability may be prevented from continuing in the active work of their profession;

To provide for the care and maintenance of the widows and families of the said teachers;

To make benefactions to charitable and educational institutions, and generally to promote the cause of science and education; provided, however, that the said benefactions shall be made to, and the said retiring pensions shall be paid to the teachers, their widows or families, of only such institutions as are not under control of a sect, do not require a majority of their trustees governing bodies, officers, faculties or students to belong to any specified sect, and do not impose any theological test.

THE INCREASED ENDOWMENT OF HARVARD COLLEGE.

It is announced that $1,800,000 has been contributed toward the endowment of $2,500,000 which is being collected 'to increase the present totally inadequate amount available for the salaries of the teaching staff of the college,' of Harvard University. The circular which contains this information and appeals for additional subscriptions is signed by Bishop William Lawrence, Francis L. Higginson, Charles S. Fairchild, Henry S. Howe, Francis R. Appleton, Augustus Hemenway, Robert Bacon, Theodore Roosevelt, James J. Storrow and Benjamin Carpenter.

The circular says: "The position of Harvard to-day among American universities is due not so much to its age, traditions, or able administration as to its noble line of teachers. That the teachers in the college should be the best in the land; that the older professors should be free from the cares of a straitened income; that the younger teachers should be able to give themselves without distraction to their work, and that the best men should not be drawn away to other colleges, but should see before them reasonable promotion in work and salary, is essential to the leadership of Harvard and the culture of her sons." It is pointed out that the total of salaries in Harvard College is $437,821, and the average per capita allowance for the staff of 279 teachers is only $1,570. "In these days of increasing cost of living and of higher salaries in commercial and industrial pursuits," the circular adds, "the alumni and friends of Harvard will not allow the men who teach their boys and who fill the chairs of the great teachers of the past to receive these meagre wages."

THE INTERNATIONAL ANATOMICAL CONGRESS AT GENEVA.

The first International Congress of Anatomists will be held at Geneva, Switzerland, on the 7th to 10th of August. The following national societies are to participate in this congress: The Anatomical Society of Great Britain, the Anatomische Gesellschaft, the Association des Anatomistes, the Association of American Anatomists and the Unione Zoologica Italiana. The organization of the congress has been entrusted to a committee representing these societies, and consisting of Professors Minot, Nicolas, Romiti, Syming-

ton and Waldeyer. The presidents thus far named are Professor Sabatier, of Montpellier; Professor Romiti, of Pisa, and Professor Minot, of Harvard. The vice-presidents are Professor Bugnion, of Lausanne; Professor Valenti, of Bologna, and Professor Carl Huber, of Ann Arbor.

A general circular is in preparation, which will shortly be distributed to all members of the various societies taking part in the congress, and to such other persons as may request to have it sent to them. The congress owes its successful initiation largely to the zealous devotion of Professor Nicolas, of the University of Nancy, and inquiries as to further details on the part of those interested may be addressed to him. We hope to publish later a more detailed notice of the final arrangements and program.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

THE faculty of Princeton University gave a dinner on the evening of May 17 in honor of Professor Charles A. Young, who becomes professor emeritus after a service of twenty-eight years as professor of astronomy. Among the speakers were President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton; President Francis L. Patton, of Princeton Theological Seminary; Mr. M. Taylor Pyne, of New York; Professor Silas Brackett, Professor W. F. Magie and Dr. Henry Van Dyke, who read a poem. A loving cup was presented to Professor Young.

PROFESSOR J. J. THOMSON, F.R.S., of Cambridge University, has been elected professor of natural philosophy in the Royal Institution to succeed Lord Rayleigh, who becomes honorary professor.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT will receive the degree of LL.D. from Clark University on June 21, when he goes to attend the commencement exercises at the university.

THE pupils and friends of Professor Charles Eliot Norton have presented to Harvard University a fund of about $24,000, in his honor, to be used for the purchase of books for the library.

THE seventieth birthday of Professor Caesare Lombroso will be celebrated in connection with the sixth International Congress of Criminology, which meets at Turin next year.

DR. N. WILLE, professor of botany in Christiania, has been elected a foreign member of the Academy of Sciences at Stockholm.

DR. DAVID STARR JORDAN, of Stanford University, expects to spend the present summer abroad.

DR. N. L. BRITTON, director of the New York Botanical Garden, sails for Europe on May 27 to attend the International Botanical Congress, which meets at Vienna from June 11 to 18, and to visit foreign botanical gardens. He will be absent for about six weeks.

WE learn from the *Botanical Gazette* that Professor W. A. Kellerman, of Ohio State University, has returned from a three months' exploration of Guatemala with a large amount of material, especially of parasitic fungi.

DR. E. KOKEN, professor of geology at Tübingen, is about to return from a geological expedition to southern India and Ceylon.

DR. P. H. OLSSON-SEFFER, instructor in botany in Stanford University, will go to Soconusco, one of the southern provinces of Mexico, where he will spend three months experimenting with the Mexican rubber tree for the Zacualpa Rubber Plantation Company.

PROFESSOR A. JACOBI has been appointed to represent the faculty of medicine of Columbia University at the International Congress of Medicine to be held in Lisbon in April, 1906.

DR. WILLIAM OSLER sailed for Liverpool, on May 20, to assume the duties of the regius professorship of medicine at Oxford.

PROFESSOR IRA N. HOLLIS, professor of engineering at Harvard University, will be absent next year on leave.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR D. S. SNEDDEN, of the department of education of Stanford University, has been given leave of absence for next year; Associate Professor E. P. Cubberley and Mr. A. H. Suzzallo, who have been spending the present year at Teachers College, Columbia University, will next year resume their work in the department of education.